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SUBJ: MINISTATES

1. FROM ROTHENBERG- GRAHAM MEMCON OF MAY 16 RELATING TO IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE OF GRENADA, WE NOTE THAT US MAY BE CONSIDERING ONCE AGAIN AN ALMOST CERTAINLY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO BLOCK UN MEMBERSHIP OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS ON GROUNDS OF THEIR SIZE.

2. MINISTATE DEBATE IN SC COMMITTEE TWO YEARS AGO DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO SUPPORT FOR ANY CONCEPT SHORT OF UNIVERSALITY. AS DEBATE DEMONSTRATED, EVEN BRITISH, WHO AGREE WITH US IN PRINCIPLE ON DESIRABILITY OF DISCOURAGING SO- CALLED MINISTATES FROM APPLYING, DIFFER SHARPLY ON WISDOM OF MAINTAINING OPPOSITION ONCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

3. MOREOVER, OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (BASED ON GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS MODEL OF NON- VOTING DELEGATE IN US CONGRESS) IS NOT ONLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO MOST MEMBERS BUT IN VIEW OF MANY MEMBERS AND UN LEGAL COUNSEL WOULD MOST LIKELY REQUIRE CHARTER
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AMENDMENT.

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF MALDIVES, SMALL NATIONS ADMITTED IN LAST FEW YEARS SUCH AS BARBADOS, BHUTAN, FIJI AND QATAR

HAVE ACTED IN RESPONSIBLE MANNER AND IN SEVERAL CASES HAVE BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE ON ISSUES OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE TO THE US IN THE UN; 25 PERCENT, KOREA AND CHIREP ARE CASES IN POINT. SPECIFICALLY WE NOTE FROM 27 TH GA BHUTAN' S VOTE (IN CONTRAST TO THAT OF INDIA) IN OUR FAVOR ON 25 PERCENT ISSUE, BARBADOS SUPPORT OF POSTPONEMENT OF KOREAN DEBATE AND CONSIDERABLE FIJIAN HELP IN COMMITTEE OF 24 ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.

5. RE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FROM GRENADA OR OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, WE BELIEVE THERE IS STILL ANOTHER CONSIDERATION WHICH SHOULD GIVE US PAUSE BEFORE WE REACT NEGATIVELY TO MEMBERSHIP MUCH LESS HINT THAT US MIGHT EMPLOY VETO IN SC. PRIMARY CARIBBEAN ISSUE OF CONCERN TO US IN UN IS OF COURSE PUERTO RICO WHERE WE STAND ACCUSED BY CUBANS OF DENYING INDEPENDENCE ALTERNATIVE. ANTAGONIZING NEWLY INDEPENDENT CARIBBEAN NATIONS SUCH AS GRENADA AND POSSIBLY ANTIGUA BY OPPOSING THEIR UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS COULD ATTRACT ADHERENTS TO CUBAN ARGUMENTS FROM RANK OF OTHER CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH STATES ALREADY IN UN.

6. COMMENT: IN SUM, OUR LONG- STANDING POLICY, HOWEVER PRINCIPLED AND RATIONAL, CAN NO LONGER BE SUSTAINED AT ACCEPTABLE COST. IF WE ARE TO PREVENT ENTRY INTO UN OF MINISTATES SUCH AS GRENADA, WE SHALL HAVE TO VETO, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IN DOING SO, WE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY ISOLATED IN A POSTURE OF OPPOSITION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AND, IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE ATTACKED AS ENEMIES OF THE PRINCIPLE, AS WIDELY INTERPRETED HERE, THAT ALL " NATIONS" HAVE RIGHT TO SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. I URGE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXTRICATING OURSELVES GRACEFULLY FROM OUR HISTORIC POSITION SO THAT WE CAN AT LEAST GO ALONG CIVILLY WITH APPLICATIONS SUCH AS THAT OF GRENADA.

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